

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Butler University
men's basketball team.

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Whereas, The Butler University Bulldogs compiled a school record 29 victories versus 7 defeats in the 2006-2007 season;

Whereas, Butler captured the National Invitation Tournament Season Tip-off championship, Wooden Tradition victory, Horizon League regular season co-championship, and a trip to the NCAA Tournament's "Sweet 16";

Whereas, In the National Invitation Tournament Season Tip-off, Butler defeated Notre Dame, Indiana, Tennessee, and Gonzaga, and Junior Guard A.J. Graves was named tournament Most Valuable Player, and Senior Forward Julian Betko was part of the All-Tournament team;

Whereas, Butler defeated Purdue in the Wooden Tradition at Consecro Fieldhouse to give the Bulldogs their first sweep of Indiana's "Big 3" Universities since the 1948-1949 season;

Whereas, Butler went 13-3 in Horizon League play, earning a share of the Horizon League Championship with Wright State for the first time since 2002-2003, with A.J.

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Graves being named to the 1st Team All-Horizon League team, Junior Guard Mike Green named to the 2nd All-Horizon League team and was the League's Newcomer of the Year, and Junior Forward Pete Campbell was named to the All-Horizon League Newcomer Team;

Whereas, Butler earned a 5 seed into the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament, the best seed the Bulldogs have ever earned;

Whereas, Butler defeated 12 seed Old Dominion University 57-46 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, using a 17-0 second half run to pull away sparked by 3 consecutive Pete Campbell 3-pointers;

Whereas, Butler defeated 4 seed University of Maryland 62-59 in the second round to earn a trip to the "Sweet 16" for the first time since 2002-2003; Butler was led by A.J. Graves with 19 points, and Senior Forward Brandon Crone added 13 points, 4 assists, and 4 steals;

Whereas, Butler succumbed to the NCAA Tournament's Number 1 overall seed, and defending National Champion University of Florida 65-57 in a close game that saw Butler lead as late as the final three minutes before Florida prevailed;

Whereas, Butler was strongly influenced by leadership of their team captains: Senior Forward Brandon Crone, and Senior Forward Brian Ligon, who both led the Bulldogs by demonstrating hard physical play and tough defense; and

Whereas, Butler Head Coach Todd Lickliter was awarded the Horizon League Coach of the Year, and was recognized as National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC); A.J. Graves was named honorable mention All-America by the NABC and Associated Press and was also a John R. Wooden Award



finalist; Mike Green was named to the NABC All-District 10 second team; Therefore

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the
- 2 Butler University men's basketball team on its successful 2006-2007
- 3 season and wishes the members continued success in all their future
- 4 endeavors.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to all team members,
- 7 head coach Brad Stevens, athletic director Barry Collier, and President
- 8 Bobby Fong.

